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POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT LANDING SITES IN A SELECTED AREA OF U.S.S.R.

This report is submitted in answer to a request from D/GG to furnish a general description of aircraft landing site possibilities in a selected Escape and Evasion Area in the U.S.S.R.

This area is rather severely dissected by streams and their feeder tributaries. However, possible landing sites in this area include several level roads and a few level fields lying between the headwaters of the various tributaries.

The following criteria should govern the selection of a field for a possible landing site:

1. Select a field that has an even tonal texture because a mottled or streaked tone is indicative of surface or sub surface drainage patterns which might prohibit safe landings.
2. Land lengthwise along a cultivated field to minimize unevenness caused by plowing and drainage furrows.
3. Observe the prospective landing site for possible obstructions. There are a few fences and bush rows in this region.

The several roads and field roads in the area offer possible landing sites. There are several villages in the area and some houses are located along main roads and streams. However, there are several isolated stretches of roads where un-detected landings might be possible.

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